

Camping & Fishing

Summer 2001

Camping in Yellowstone National Park

	Dates	Fees	Sites	Elev (ft)	Features
Bridge Bay*	5/25–9/16	\$15	430	7,800	A, F, DS, G
Canyon*	6/1–9/9	\$15	272	8,000	A, F, S/L, DS, G
Fishing Bridge RV*	5/18–9/23	\$28	344	7,800	F, S/L, DS, G
Grant Village*	6/21–9/30	\$15	425	7,800	A, F, S/L, DS, G
Madison*	5/4–10/21	\$15	280	6,800	A, F, DS, G
Indian Creek	6/8–9/17	\$10	75	7,300	V
Lewis Lake	6/22–11/4	\$10	85	7,800	V
Mammoth	All year	\$12	85	6,200	A, F, G
Norris	5/18–9/24	\$12	116	7,500	F, G
Pebble Creek	6/1–9/24	\$10	32	6,900	V
Slough Creek	5/25–10/31	\$10	29	6,250	V
Tower Fall	5/18–9/24	\$10	32	6,600	V

*Sites you can reserve; price doesn't include tax.

A	Accessible sites available	S/L	Pay showers/laundry nearby
F	Flush toilets	DS	Dump station
V	Vault toilets	G	Generators OK 8 AM–8 PM

Discounts

Holders of Golden Age and Golden Access passes receive approximately a 50% discount on camping fees, except at Fishing Bridge RV Park, where no discounts apply.

Group Camping

Group camping available at Madison, Grant, and Bridge Bay from late May through closing date for organized groups with a designated leader such as youth or educational groups. Fees range from

\$40–75 per night, depending on group size. Advance reservations required and can be made by writing Yellowstone National Park Lodges, P.O. Box 165, YNP, WY 82190 or by phoning 307-344-7311.

Please make your reservations early and/or plan on securing your campsite as early in the day as possible; campgrounds may fill by early morning.

First-Come, First-Served

Seven campgrounds are operated by the National Park Service: Indian Creek, Lewis Lake, Mammoth, Norris, Pebble Creek, Slough Creek, and Tower Fall. You cannot reserve these sites.

Reservations

You can reserve a site at the five campgrounds operated by Yellowstone National Park Lodges, indicated by * on the chart at left. For same-day reservations, call 307-344-7901 or ask at lodging activities desks. For future reservations, call 307-344-7311 or write Yellowstone National Park Lodges, P.O. Box 165, YNP, WY 82190; www.TravelYellowstone.com. Fishing Bridge RV Park is for hard-sided vehicles only (no tents or tent trailers are allowed).

Camping Rules

Camping or overnight vehicle parking in pullouts, parking areas, picnic grounds, or any place other than a designated campground are not permitted, and there are no overflow camping facilities. However, camping is often available in neighboring communities and public lands outside the park.

Camping is limited to 14 days between June 15 and September 15 and to 30 days the rest of the year; there is no limit at Fishing Bridge RV Park. Check-out time for all campgrounds is 10 AM.

Quiet Hours

Camping in Yellowstone is a special experience. Each visitor deserves the opportunity to hear the wildlife and streams in this beautiful environment. Respect the rights of other campers and comply with the law by adhering to quiet hours, 8 PM to 8 AM (10 PM–7 AM at Fishing Bridge RV Park). No generators, loud audio devices, or other noise disturbances will be allowed during this time. Generators are only permitted in six campgrounds and the Fishing Bridge RV Park.

Permits and Fees

Permits

Fishing You must have a permit to fish in Yellowstone. Anglers 16 years of age and older are required to purchase either a \$10 ten-day or a \$20 season permit. Anglers 12–15 years of age are required to obtain a non-fee permit; those 11 years and younger may fish without a permit but must be supervised by an adult who knows the regulations. Permits are available at all ranger stations, visitor centers, and Hamilton General Stores. **State fishing licenses are not valid in Yellowstone National Park. If you catch a lake trout in Yellowstone Lake and its tributaries—including the Yellowstone River—you must kill the fish.**

Boats & Float Tubes You also must obtain a permit in person for boats and float tubes from the following locations: South Entrance, Grant Village backcountry office, Bridge Bay Marina, and Lake Ranger Station. Non-motorized boating permits only are available at the Canyon, Mammoth, and Old Faithful backcountry offices, Bechler Ranger Station, and West and Northeast Entrances. **You must have a Coast Guard approved “wearable” personal flotation device for each person boating.**

Fishing Season

Yellowstone’s fishing season generally begins on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and continues through the first Sunday of November. Major exceptions: Yellowstone Lake opens June 15; Yellowstone Lake’s tributary streams open July 15; Yellowstone River and its tributaries between Canyon and Yellowstone Lake open July 15. Please refer to park fishing regulations or the park website for additional information: www.nps.gov/yell/planvisit/todo/fishing/index.htm

Fishing Regulations

In Yellowstone, bald eagles, osprey, pelicans, otters, grizzly bears, and other wildlife take precedence over humans as consumers of fish. All fish are wild (there is no stocking), so there must be sufficient adult fish to reproduce and maintain populations and to assure genetic diversity. These facts require both a philosophical and literal distinction between recreational angling and consuming fish. In Yellowstone, angling is based on fishing for native species of wild trout in a natural setting.

Fishing regulations in Yellowstone National Park have evolved as ongoing research reveals population trends and interrelationships with the rest of the Yellowstone ecosystem. Increasing numbers of anglers have also influenced the development of regulations by their impact on certain species and aquatic habitats. **As of 2001, you must release all native sport fish: cutthroat trout, Arctic grayling, mountain whitefish.**

Park fishing regulations are available at all ranger stations, visitor centers, or Hamilton General Stores.

Non-Toxic Fishing

Yellowstone National Park has implemented a non-toxic fishing program. Fishing tackle, such as leaded split-shot sinkers, weighted jigs (lead molded to a hook), and soft lead-weighted ribbons for nymph fishing, are no longer allowed. Only non-toxic alternatives are allowed to accompany these types of fishing tackle. For more information, contact the Yellowstone Center for Resources, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190.



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